

Give gift of life: donate May 23

Pam Warnken
Public affairs

A blood drive is from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 23 at the chapel annex, with the 14th Mission Support Squadron still the reigning champion from the last blood drive.

The 14th MSS won the trophy for exceeding the Air Force average in January, when 43 percent of their eligible donors gave blood.

This win was contributed to by Maj. Jim Davis, 14th MSS commander, who spearheaded a time-saving change when he asked the 14th Medical Group to take a closer look at how the drives were done.

“I suggested that the winner be based on turning out eligible blood donors from each squadron, not just having people show up with large percentages of them rejected,” Major Davis said.

Rejection can be based on a number of factors. Anyone who has spent much time in Europe or the United Kingdom since 1980 or those who’ve had recent body piercings are not eligible to give blood.

“Now, we determine eligible donors in advance so we can get good, usable blood units,” Major Davis said. “Before, squadrons would just send the bodies over and could win the trophy on turnout of people, whether they could give or not. This was a process that needed adjustment. The trophy is perpetual, changing hands depending on the winning squadron. Everyone is busy. I didn’t want them to take time from their day, knowing that they would not be able to give.”

Base blood program officer Sharon Nichols and her alternate, 1st Lt. Jimmey Labit, crafted the change and said they’d been thinking about it for some time before it was suggested.

The benefits of this change are it now focuses on the eligible donors and it speeds up the process.

The Air Force goal was formerly to persuade five percent of eligible donors to come forward, but because of dire shortages, the goal has been raised to 10 percent.

“Giving blood now is so important,” Major Davis said. “The military is a major source of blood not only for the Armed Forces, but for civilian communities. Look around right now — we’ve just been to war, plus we’ve been in a state of critical blood shortage for some time.”

The United Blood Service team comes from Meridian to do the base blood drive.

“My people usually complain if the blood drive goes late on a Friday afternoon but they don’t mind that here at Columbus AFB” said Heather Moore, UBS. “The people here are so willing to donate and are so hospitable.”



2nd Lt. Richard Blakewood
Rachel Hamilton, base housing resident, mows her yard in Magnolia Housing to conform to standards.

Lawn inspections resume again

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The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron housing office begins to monitor yards on a regular basis to ensure standards are met as spring gives way to summer.

“During this part of the year, keeping the area around your home tidy and in order will require more attention, and lawn care must become more of a priority for on-base residents,” said Ed Slancauskas, housing facilities supervisor.

Inspections are conducted by group and squadron commanders in

base housing twice a month. These inspections are on random Tuesdays, ensuring standards are being met and rewarding well-maintained yards.

Maintenance standards for on-base homes are found in Columbus AFB Pamphlet 32-6002, which is issued to all residents of base housing. Additional copies can be obtained from the housing office in the military personnel flight building.

Some of the requirements listed in this pamphlet are:

- Grass shall not exceed 3 inches in uniform height.
- All vegetation shall be removed from sidewalks, driveways, parking spaces and patios.
- Trim bushes and vines. Bushes should not exceed 6 feet in height.

Violation tickets are issued to homes that fail to maintain these standards and certificates are issued for yards that are well maintained. Housing selects one home from each village for a monthly award. Later in the summer, an overall wing winner is chosen.

Winners receive a congratulatory letter, an exchange coupon booklet and have their family photograph posted in the pride store.

For more information, call Ext. 3546.

Boy Scouts needed — troop forms on base

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

The Boy Scouts of America will give an informational seminar at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Center.

Two local Boy Scout representatives from the district committee met at the youth center recently, to discuss the feasibility of reorganizing a Boy Scout troop on Columbus AFB.

“We want to have a troop on base, but the only way that can happen is if we have active youth and adult members along with the Columbus AFB community involved,” said Greg Johnson, Boy Scout Chickasaw District committee member.

Ned Young, Pushmataha Area Council district executive, and Mr. Johnson discussed the requirements and what the Boy Scouts would bring to the youth of Columbus AFB and to the base community with Louella Anderson, 14th Services Division chief, and Kayline Hamilton, youth center director.

“In order to have a troop you need a sponsor and scout master,” Mr. Johnson said.



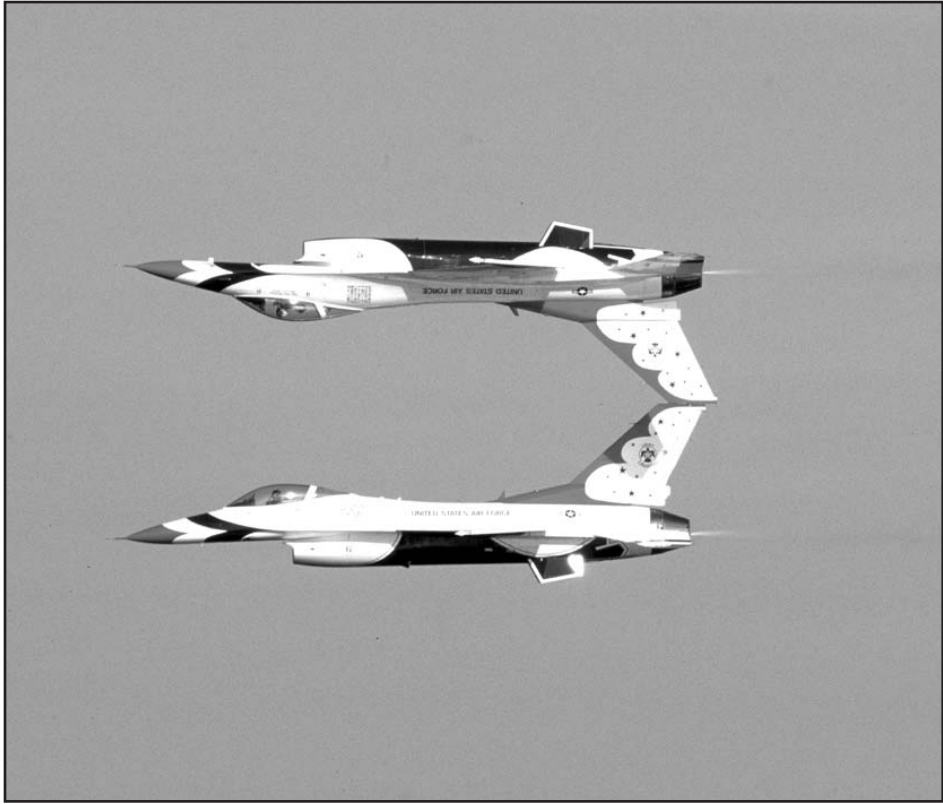
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Louella Anderson, 14th Services Division chief, Kayline Hamilton, youth center director and Greg Johnson, Boy Scout representative, talk about bringing a troop on base.

“Most of all though we need at least five boys from ages 11 to 17.”

Airman 1st Class Lawrence Pitts, 14th SD, stepped up with previous experience as an

eagle scout to fill the scout master position.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Johnson filled the committee positions while the 14th SD will support the on-base troop. Airman Pitts will



Staff Sgt. Sean White

Air show acrobatics

The Calypso Pass creates a mirror image of the Thunderbird F-16. In conjunction with the June 1 Wings Over Columbus 2003 Air Show, there is a career day May 31 for enlisted, student and instructor pilots. The career day static displays open to all base employees and their families later in the afternoon. A practice session with most of the performers begins 4 p.m.

Civilian tuition available

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

Eligible federal employees may now use the Pell Grant in conjunction with civilian tuition assistance program funds.

The Air Education and Training Command first implemented the CTAP last fall and benefits were confined to employees receiving no additional federal, state or private program benefits.

This restrictive policy was intended to conserve scarce Air Force funds while helping “truly needy” employees pay tuition for mission-related courses, said Luther Turner, 14th Mission Support Squadron.

The Pell Grant is strictly a need-based federal program. However, allowances available to recipients are not confined to tuition. Students are granted a certain dollar amount based on information provided in their application.

The Pell Grant check is sent directly to the school, and after tuition and fees are deducted, the student is given any remaining funds to cover other expenses such as books, childcare and travel.

“Allowing students to use both programs simultaneously will make CTAP more attractive, especially for those eligible for the Pell Grant,” Mr. Turner said.

Students interested in taking courses during the summer term should complete their applications as soon as possible.

“It’s a great opportunity to save some money and continue your education,” said Christy Milner, 14th Communications Squadron.

The last day of registration is Thursday and summer classes start May 27. CTAP funds are limited and applications are approved on a first come, first served basis.

“I strongly encourage all civilian employees to consider making the CTAP a part of their career development plan,” Mr. Turner said. “Our education guidance counselor can help employees determine where they are, and map out a plan to get them where they would like to go in their federal service career.”

For more information or an appointment, call Ext. 2563.

NEWS BRIEFS

Food tasting

The multicultural committee is sponsoring a Asian Pacific American Heritage Month event at 11 a.m. Saturday at the exchange. There is food tasting, Asian dance and karate demonstrations. For more information, call Ext. 2781.

Change of command

The 50th Flying Training Squadron chain of command is at 3:50 p.m. at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza. Lt. Col. Benjamin Cleveland relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Dan Park. Good luck to Colonel Cleveland.



Air Force eases Stop-Loss — releases 51 career fields

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force specialty codes restricted from retirement or separation under the Stop-Loss program, which took effect May 2.

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were released from Stop-Loss, the officials said.

The officer career fields released are:

□ 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released are:

□ 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

The Air Force announced Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation

CAFB appreciates military spouses

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

The Columbus AFB Commissary and Family Support Center celebrated Military Spouses Appreciation Day May 9 at the commissary.

“It’s an opportunity to recognize and appreciate just how much we value our military spouses worldwide,” said Willie Taylor, commissary director.

Col. Jim Playford, 14th Mission Support Group commander, cut the ribbon to start the day’s festivities at the commissary.

Visitors were treated to cake, punch and free gifts.

Reducing prices on select items by 75 to 80 percent was another way to say thank you to the spouses, Mr. Taylor said.

“I really think the Air Force base outdoes themselves by reaching out and supporting the wives of retired and active duty members,” said Trevae Rodriguez, military spouse.

The family support center also handed out thank you letters from command and free gifts to show appreciation to the spouses in the local area.

“It takes all members to serve our country, including family members,” said Lee Chouinard, FSC family and work-life consultant. “They’re at the home front supporting active duty members abroad protecting our freedoms.”



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Donna Rhodes, commissary produce manager, talks to Lauren Cole, 3 years old, after playing hopscotch at the commissary.

or retirement, for 99 specialties and deployed airmen on March 13.

The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

“It was not an action that we took lightly,” said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. “It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper pointed out that service officials have always said they will use Stop-Loss only as long as necessary to accomplish the mission.

“We’ve re-evaluated our requirements and are releasing these AFSCs because Stop-Loss is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service,” General Jumper said.

This announcement is the result of an in-depth review, said Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

“A number of different factors went into the review process,” Major Forest said.

“We had to consider the balance between the active duty and air reserve component, as well as the need to remain

responsive to changing events worldwide,” she added.

Deployed active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose specialties are released from Stop-Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, Major Forest said. Air reserve component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual “termination” of Stop-Loss has yet to be determined because Air Force officials and combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Major Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. If airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop-Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command.

“Many families have had to put their plans on hold because of Stop-Loss,” Major Forest said. “We will make every effort to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements.”

Military personnel flights have more information. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

Don’t let complacency spoil your summer

Maj. Cephas Franklin
14th Communications Squadron



In the air are the chirping sounds of birds and the smell of barbeque grills. On the horizon are summer sports, vacations and family outings. You see in the midst of these changes are the most critical days for Air Force personnel, “The 101 Critical Days of Summer.”

For those new to the Air Force, the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day over the years has been the most deadly for Air Force personnel. It is considered a dangerous time — for members because we participate in high-risk activities and do more things as families and squadrons. The days are longer and alcohol use is on the rise. During this time we do things so much that they become second nature. We don’t take the time to assess or apply operational risk management in our actions. So as we enter this period, I feel it is appropriate for me to discuss a trend I’ve started to see in my squadron and encourage all team BLAZE members not to let their summer be ruined by complacency.

That’s right, whether on or off duty, complacency has started to set in around Columbus. From January through March, the wing worked hard to posture and do well during

the operational readiness inspection. Now the inspection is complete, we should be maintaining the momentum gained and continuing to excel. In my recent squadron newsletter, I discussed three recent events where the gains are fading. In each of the cases if the individuals involved had continued to remain focused and ORM principles were applied, the outcomes would have been different.

However, because of complacency, the actions of the individuals had a negative impact on the BLAZE team, the squadron or the individual. I’ll briefly cover each incident.

First on a bright sunny day, complacency knocked on our door during a change of command ceremony. The 14th Communications Squadron is responsible for public address system support for these events.

One would think that since every summer we set-up support for these events, all would go on without a hitch. Well on this day at the end of the ceremony the wrong CD was in the wrong case and we couldn’t play the Air Force Song. A lieutenant began to sing the song and bailed us out. Now I know, some of you may wonder what does this have to do with my topic? Well, as I go to the other incidents you’ll see my point.

Next a member was out of the area on leave. This member is under 26 and had completed all the proper paperwork, including the Air Education and Training Command Form 29B, and discussed his leave with his supervisor. During this leave, the member was involved in an automobile accident and was not wearing his seatbelt.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the 14th Flying Training Wing commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer.

All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers are edited for brevity.



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SUPT Class 03-09 earns silver wings



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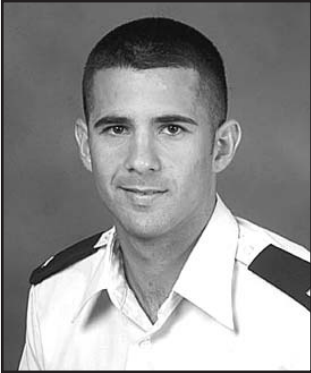
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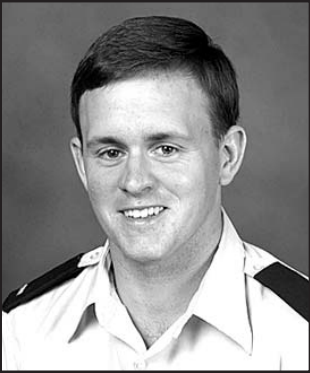
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Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Twenty-one officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Raymond Huot, Inspector General of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

General Huot oversees Air Force inspection policy; criminal investigations; counterintelligence operations; complaints, and fraud, waste and abuse programs; intelligence oversight; and two field operating agencies — the Air Force Inspection Agency and Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Steven Irvin, T-1, and Chad Vorderbruggen, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Nicholas Cobb, T-1, and Peter Lee, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Irvin and Vorderbruggen were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

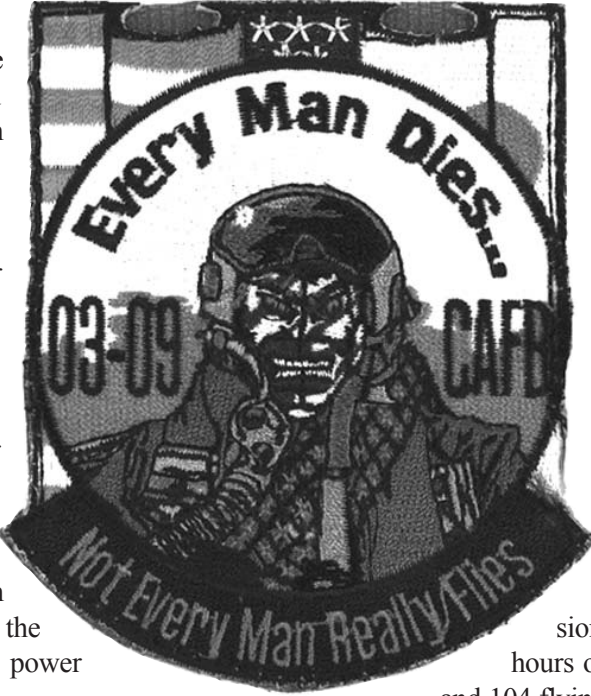
Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.

(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are McConnell Brothers Transfer and Storage and Columbus Personnel Inc.)



AT THE CHAPEL**Chapel schedule****Catholic****Sunday activities:**

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant**Sunday activities:**

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

The theater is closed for renovations until further notice. For more information, call the shoppette at 434-6026.

COMMISSARY

The commissary hours are:

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Sundays,

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Thursdays

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Saturdays

Closed — Mondays

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through May 23
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination
Program Tapes:
Humanities

FAMILY SUPPORT

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Hearts apart: The next Hearts Apart Social is at 5:30 p.m. May 22 at Burger King in Columbus. Deadline to sign up is Thursday.

Sponsor training: The next sponsor training class is at 9 a.m. May 27 at the family support center.

Sponsor training is also available on the public folders, through email. For more information on how to access it, call the family support center.

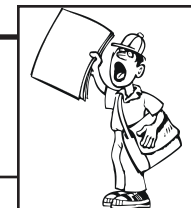
Self-paced learning: The family support center offers self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage and PhotoDraw in three levels of expertise. To improve your computer skills, call Mark Horning.

Children and war: The family support center offers their services to help parents explain war and deployments to their children. Stop by the FSC to pick up complete packages to help make children less confused.

Calling cards: Free \$20-valued phone cards are offered to all people going on contingency TDYs for 30 days or longer. This is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society.

Phone cards must be issued to military personnel. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.

Videophones: Videophones are available for family members of deployed, TDY or remote military people.

BASE NOTES

Uniform wear: The Air Education and Training Command commander has directed



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Life's a picnic

Second Lt. Domonic Donello, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-08, puts the support rods in the new picnic tables at the officers' dormitories. The recycle center donated the tables.

a return to the policy on uniform wear while traveling.

Home seminar: There is a home-buying seminar from 3 to 5 p.m. June 4 at the family support center. A panel of local experts to include a mortgage banker, realtor, and home inspector will help people sort through this complicated process. Reserve a seat today by contacting Chris Bowers, Community Housing Assistant, at Ext. 7279.

CCAF graduation: Columbus AFB congratulates the Community College of the Air Force graduates.

The Pitsenbarger Award winners were Staff Sgts. Rhonda Knipmeyer and Ebony Lee as the top Air Force enlisted personnel graduating from CCAF.

Vacation Bible school: Registration for vacation Bible school is open until June 2.

This year's theme is SCUBA — Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure. The VBS lasts from 9 a.m. to noon June 2 through June 6. Volunteers are needed for this program. For more information or to volunteer, call Joy Garrison at Ext. 2500.

Car care: The auto hobby shop offers basic car care classes.

The classes teach oil changes, tire rotations and many other do-it-yourself skills.

For more information or to sign up for a class, call Ext. 7842.

AROUND TOWN

Annual revue: The English School of Dance's 42nd Annual Dance Revue is at 6 p.m. Saturday at Joe Cook Auditorium. Free to the public. For more information, call 328-6279.

Toastmasters: A new toastmasters group sponsored by the Possum Town Toastmasters next meeting is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays monthly. For more information or to join, call Frances Jutman at 329-6548.

Bluegrass celebration: A Bluegrass Music Celebration begins at 10 a.m. May 24 in Aberdeen, Miss. For more information, call the Aberdeen Visitors Bureau at (800) 634-3538 or visit www.aberdeenms.org.

Free gift: Armed forces, firemen, policemen and veterans are invited to a free meal at the Grill, Sweet Peppers Deli, Harvey's or Bulldog Deli May 26, Memorial Day, if they show up in their uniform. Limit one per customer, and no purchase is necessary.

Summer bowling reaps rewards

Pam Wickham

Marketing director

NASCAR fans will be racing in to the Strike Zone Lanes this summer for a chance to win a VIP trip to a NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race or other great prizes.

The “*Fast Lanes*” Air Force Bowling promotion starts its engines Thursday and runs for 12 weeks this summer.

“The bowling center is the perfect place to cool off for some healthy, indoor fun with your family or friends,” said Jim Campbell, bowling center manager. “And this summer, the more you visit the bowling center snack bar, the greater your chances of winning some terrific prizes.”

Sponsored by Coca-Cola, *Fast Lanes* offers snack bar patrons the chance to enter to win the grand prize, a trip to NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway Oct. 24 to Oct. 27 plus attend the Coca-Cola Racing Family Reunion. This exclusive event includes a private dinner with several NASCAR drivers such as Dale Jarrett, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Tony Stewart, etc.

Participants in the *Fast Lanes* contest may also receive instant-win prizes, and enter to win a Coca-Cola collective NASCAR racing hood replica on display in the bowling center. Game pieces will be given out with each purchase of a large 32-ounce soda at the snack bar starting Thursday through August 14, 2003.

Although everyone can play *Fast Lanes*, only individuals 18 years or older are eligible to win the grand prize. For contest rules and entry information, visit the Strike Zone Lanes or call Ext. 2426.

Services activities provide variety

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club's American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 53 numbers or less. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Karaoke night: The enlisted lounge features karaoke night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today. Call Ext. 2489.

The Marquees: This live band will entertain in the Landing Lounge tonight immediately following the graduation banquet. They will also entertain Saturday at the Enlisted Lounge starting

at 9 p.m. The lounge opens at 7 p.m. Call Ext. 2489.

Youth money management seminar: The youth center offers this free program at 4 p.m. Thursday. The seminar offers information on how youth can manage their money. Register by Tuesday if you plan to attend.

A special guest from the Family Support Center will be on hand to answer questions. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth programs: The youth center offers many programs for Columbus AFB youth.

Free tutoring is going on through May 22.

A computer camp is from 2 to 5 p.m. May 27 through May 31.

Summer Kid Kamp begins May 27 and last throughout the summer. The camp lasts from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. A \$10 deposit per week is required the day of registration.

For more information on these programs, call Ext. 2504.

Trip to Water Park: Members of the youth center's Keystone Club are going to the Geyser Falls Water Theme Park in Philadelphia, Miss. May 24.

Register by Tuesday at the youth center. Must have at least eight registered to offer. Participants must pay for admission at the park. Call Ext. 2504.

Horsemanship lessons: Flying M-EZ Riders offers opportunities for the beginning or advanced rider, riders wishing to learn “the basics,” riders with disabilities, or riders wanting to relax on a trail ride.

Flying M-EZ Riders provide people with a lesson horse and materials. Each horsemanship session is fun and educational, giving riders of all abilities the opportunity to succeed at their own level. For more information, call Nikki McBlair at 434-6627 or register at the skills development center.



Rachel Kasic

Service with a smile!

Celestine Gore, dining facility food service worker, serves up a “to go” meal for Tech. Sgt. Rick Jackson, 14th Flying Training Wing. The Cardinal Inn Dining Facility was recently recognized for being the “best of the best in service” in Columbus AFB Services food facilities. Each month a services food facility is visited by a “secret shopper” and evaluated on such items as customer service, cleanliness, food presentation, and other things. The dining facility has won for three of the past four months.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$7.95 per person — Club members receive \$2 discount — Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage — Ala carte menu also available

Today
Fried catfish
Popcorn shrimp
Apple cobbler

Tuesday
Swedish meatballs
and pasta
Baked ham
Banana pudding

Monday
Fried chicken
Chicken fried steak
Cherry cobbler

Wednesday
Pork chops
Beef tips
Apple cobbler

Thursday
Soup, salad and potato bar

Check out the Services website at
www.cafbgrapevine.com

14th Comptroller Flight victorious at combat challenge

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Comptroller Flight won the Combat Challenge, a base-wide fitness competition, May 7 at the fitness and sports center.

Seven teams formed up at 6 a.m. on the lawn outside the fitness center in BDUs to battle against other units in push-ups, sit-ups and a timed two-mile run.

“This was a great team effort for all that joined in on the fun,” said Rob Wilburn, fitness and sports center director.

The 14th CPTF team players were 2nd Lts. Ariol Paz, Noel Torres, Master Sgt. Mary Hughson, Staff Sgt. Jocelyn Bennett, Airmen 1st Class Luke Mostoller and William Roberts.

To ensure there wouldn’t be any injuries, the teams did calisthenics for 10

minutes prior to the competition.

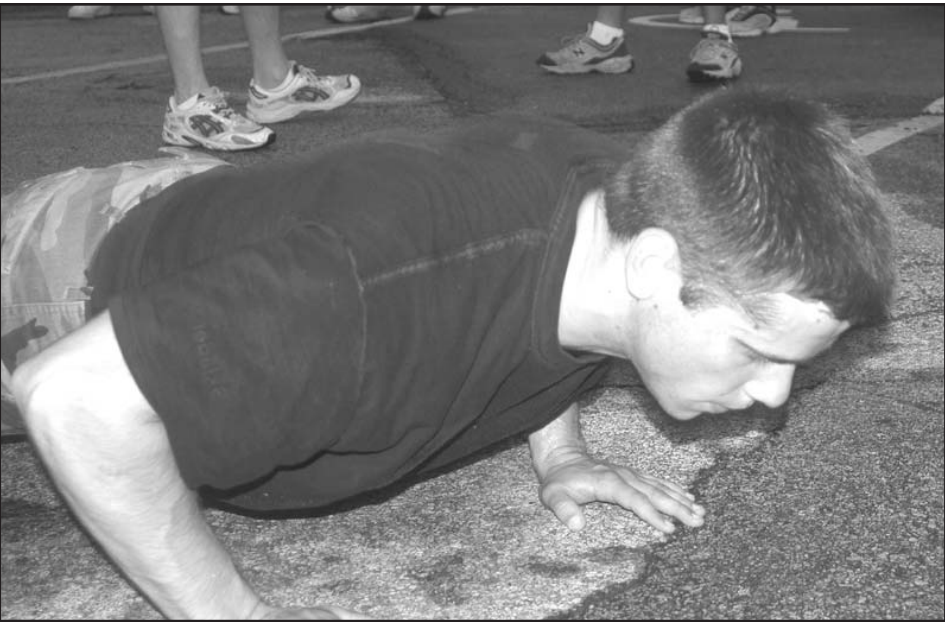
To finish up the morning, the teams had to run two miles.

The teams had to start the race together and cross the finish line together. The 14th CPTF ran the two miles with a time of 14:23.

“This combat challenge reinforced the team concept since the slowest runner actually determined the unit’s finish time,” said Maj. Chuck Shea, 14th CPTF commander. “The comptroller team came up big, and I’m very proud.”

The second place winner of the challenge was the 14th Security Forces Squadron, and the third place winner was the 14th Mission Support Squadron.

“It’s important for people to be involved since it shows support for their unit and an appreciation of the role of physical fitness,” Major Shea said.



2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore

Grant Roberts, 14th Security Forces, does pushups after the run.

SHORTS

Crud tournament:

A crud tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. May 31 at the Columbus Club. All Department of Defense personnel are welcome to participate.

Deadline to sign up is May 28. Three-person teams are

needed. It is a double elimination tournament. Prizes are awarded to the top three teams.

For more information, email Cory Naddy at Naddyc@columbus.af.mil or Alex Fafinski at [Alexander.fafinski@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afafinski@columbus.af.mil).

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. For more information, call Ext. 2773.

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